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Natchitoches man pleads guilty to filing false public documents charge

BATON ROUGE - A Natchitoches man pled guilty, as charged, on Tuesday in 19th Judicial District Court to three felony counts of filing false public documents and now faces a possible sentence of imprisonment for not more than five years with or without hard labor or a fine of not more than five thousand dollars, or both, per count.

Nathan Redwine, 61, was arrested by Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality criminal investigators in April 2009 for filing false public documents to LDEQ. Three Title V air permit applications were submitted to LDEQ and signed by Redwine as a Professional Engineer. DEQ regulations require that all Title V air permit applications be reviewed and signed by a Professional Engineer. An investigation by LDEQ-CID, the USEPA-CID, and the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board revealed that Redwine is not a Professional Engineer.

“Our ongoing partnerships with the USEPA-CID and the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board made the successful conclusion of this investigation possible” said Jeff Nolan, Manager of LDEQ-CID.

Redwine is scheduled to be sentenced by 19th JDC Judge Bonnie Jackson on September 9, 2010 upon completion of a pre-sentence investigation. This case is being prosecuted by District Attorney Hillar Moore and Assistant District Attorney Brandon Fremin.

Redwine was arrested on similar charges by LDEQ-CID and EPA-CID on July 2, 2010. The disposition of those charges is still pending in the 19th JDC.